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Approval Of Streets Recommended

By Connie Davis

SUFFIELD: At Thursday's meeting, the Suffield Board of Selectmen recommended to the Planning and Zoning Commission approval of streets in the Pleasantview Heights subdivision. This will be brought to a town meeting for acceptance.

The project, in litigation for ten years, involved developer Tantillo Construction. Courts have settled in favor of the town, which had to repair roads and drainage systems after the developer went bankrupt.

In other action, the board approved recommendation of Tax Collector Joan McComb to have Town Clerk Dorothy McCarty appointed as Deputy Tax Collector.

Susan Light was reappointed to the Social Services Commission until 1985.

Roger Ives was appointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals as an alternate until 1984. Ted Goodman resigned as chairman and member of the Recreation Commission.

In 1982, Selectmen's meetings will be held the second Thursday of the month, unless a problem occurs in a section of town, necessitating a special neighborhood meeting.

In closing, Earl Waterman stated that cars left on town streets all night during snow storms will be ticketed and towed.

Authority Sets New Rates For Sewer Hook-up

By Connie Davis

Suffield: At a meeting Tuesday night, the Water Pollution Control Authority adopted a new assessment form. Individual dwelling units, whether condo, house or apartment, which connect to the sewer system, will be assessed at a flat rate of \$3,000. Those affected are about 50 homes on the Suffield-Mather Street sewer line, as well as new buildings, not currently assessed.

Paul Barnett, Superintendent of Sewers, indicated that the assessment per dwelling unit would be \$243 yearly, over 20 years, to pay 5% interest charges on the \$590,000 low-interest loan from the federal government.

The old formula determined assessments according to size of the property owner's lot, unit and installation charges.

The WPA received a federal loan and \$330,000 grant last July. The Suffield-Mather Street sewer line was finished the following month.

In sum, new dwellings from now on, will pay equally for sewer connections.

Town Meeting Votes In Pumper For Fire Dept.

By Andi Phelps

SOUTHWICK: Residents at Thursday's special town meeting unanimously voted to purchase a new pumper-tanker truck for the Fire Department. The vehicle, to be purchased from Emergency One Inc., of Ocala Florida, will cost \$151,606. A June, 1982, delivery date is expected, according to Fire Chief Melbert Johnson.

The diesel-powered truck will have a five-man cab, automatic transmission and a 3,500 gallon storage tank. According to Chief Johnson, it should be available to even the most distant areas of town within 10 minutes of a call.

The fire department made the request because much of the town is without adequate water supply. There are only 15 hydrants west of Granville Road, the Chief said. He added that with over 200 miles of roads, Southwick has only 50 miles of water lines.

At the present time, even apartment complexes and shopping areas located on water lines could not be properly serviced in the event of a large fire, Johnson said.

The vehicle will be purchased with available cash and funds the town will receive from the state. According to Town Accountant Eileen Whiting, it should not affect the tax rate. The Board of Fire Engineers felt that now was the time to purchase because within two years the same vehicle could cost over \$200,000.

The town meeting also voted to raise \$9,220 for police salaries. About \$6,000 is necessary to pay a dispatcher from January to June, 1982. The remainder will go for police officers' overtime, including vacations and sick leave, proponents said.

According to Finance Committee Chairman Francis Ehrhardt, the police overtime funds were cut in half at the Annual Town Meeting. Salaries are dictated by

Finance Comm. Denies Request

By Andi Phelps

Southwick: The Finance Committee last Monday refused a request from Board of Health Chairman Leo Sagan for \$300 to hire a professional health inspector to assist him in pending court cases. According to Sagan, there are several situations now that require expert testimony, including an attempt to condemn the burned building at Smith's Beach.

Questioning the need for outside help, Finance Committee Chairman Francis Ehrhardt said no immediate emergency was presented. His committee felt the town already had adequate personnel to handle specific problems, including the building inspector, town counsel, police and the health board.

The committee further noted that in past years funds had been allotted for professional services, but the Board of Health did not make such a request at the 1981 annual town meeting.

Sagan said that, as a lay person and the only member of the health board now, he is experiencing problems in investigating and presenting his cases in court. He said there is only one district health officer west of Worcester that he can call for help in emergencies. Sagan added that accounts for professional services had been left open last spring, and his board was told by the Finance Committee that they could ask for funds when necessary.

According to Ehrhardt, the Finance Committee did not want to consider a request for funds now because there is only one member of the health board. He said a full three-person board should discuss such a proposal prior to making such a request.

Selectmen have recently appointed Susan Brzoska to the Board of Health and are still seeking a third board member.

In this case, as with other requests, the Finance Committee does not want to commit the town to something that will require increased expenditures in the future, according to Ehrhardt. Sagan says he plans to write to the State Commissioner of Public Health and other state officials to explain his situation.

the police contract and there is no way to do anything about that, he said.

The police salaries like the fire truck, will be financed from the cherry sheet reimbursement.

In other business, voters rejected a proposed zoning by-law addition that would ban establishment of a nuclear waste disposal site in Southwick with a 82-22 vote. Selectman Chairperson John Viel read a statement from Health Board Chairman Leo Sagan stating the need for such a law.

Sagan said state regulations allows residents of a town with such a by-law to vote on a proposed nuclear dump site; towns without such a law would have no recourse if a practical proposal was made.

The Planning Board made no recommendation but said state and federal governments could override local decisions. Planning Board Chairman James Franklin said any business proposing such a dump site would have to receive approval of the existing town boards as other businesses do now.

Residents also voted to allow the Planning Board to transfer \$260 from its clerical appropriation to its operation account. Money can not be taken from a salary account without town meeting approval, noted Ehrhardt of the Finance Committee.

At the close of the meeting School Committee Chairman Priscilla Deveno presented a gift of appreciation to recently retired bus driver Pando Prifti. Mrs. Deveno said Prifti had been "loyal to the system" for 22 years and we are all grateful for his "concern for our children and our town."

In appreciation of the dedication of their volunteer fire fighters, December 27 has been set aside for "Volunteer Fire Department Day."

Southwick High "Toys For Tots"



SOUTHWICK STUDENT COUNCIL MEMBERS, from left: Jennifer Hall, Michelle Baribeau, Linda Keene, Bob Alberti, Todd Breton and Student Council Advisor Linda Kibbe are bringing "Toys For Tots" in a project in conjunction with the local U.S. Marine Corps. Reserves. The project is just about over so if you have a donation, please contact Southwick High School immediately. Advertiser/News photo by Jim Nelson.

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Letter to the Editor

Finance Committee Scored By Health Board Members

An Open Letter To The People Of Southwick:

On Monday, December 7, 1981, the Finance Committee denied \$300 to the Board of Health thereby deliberately hindering the board's efforts to protect your health, safety and welfare.

The board has been functioning with one member (who incidentally has to work five days a week at a regular job, just like you) for over a month now. The \$300 would have provided you with a little extra insurance in the form of a Health Inspector, who, for the next five months on a case by case basis, would have helped the remaining board member to resolve your complaints, protect your environment, insure you against hazardous situations and correct violations which could potentially harm you and your children.

The Finance Committee's decision was not in your best interest. The committee apparently feels that holding on to \$300 in their \$10,000 reserve fund is more important than you. More important than cleaning up hazards at the burned-out Smith's Beach building or the dangerous gravel pit at the end of Gillette Avenue.

They also feel their reserve fund is more important than checking perk tests to make sure septic systems run correctly and do not pollute the environment. More important than making sure, for you, that all Southwick eating establishments are clean and sanitary. More important than requiring landlords or neighbors to rectify code violations which could

seriously endanger your health or your life.

The Board of Health was voted into existence by you over six years ago. Since then, our members have tried to keep up with the new state laws and provide the best service possible to protect you and your family.

We've tried to do this part-time and with no pay. We've tried to do this regardless of who you are or who you were complaining against. There were never any sweetheart deals here. We have always believed in equal administration of the law to protect you.

This was the first time in six years that we've asked for help, but it seems the Finance Committee doesn't think you're worth it.

One person, part-time, can only do so much, Southwick. Even if we got new members now, they'd have a lot to learn before they could be truly effective for you. The trained Health Inspector would have been your protection in the interim.

Now, we can only hope no child is harmed at the ruins of Smith Beach before we can get to court. We can only hope that our restaurants are clean and safe for your family until we can get out to inspect them. We can only hope the recently reported case of scarlet fever is an isolated one.

We just wanted you to know.

THE BOARD OF HEALTH, SOUTHWICK

Leo R. Sagan, Chairman
Linda McQuade, Secretary

Brozoska's Grove Gets Full License From Selectmen

By Andi Phelps

Southwick: Selectmen Wednesday unanimously approved a full liquor license for Brzoska's Grove on College Highway.

The board felt that David Brzoska had made an earnest effort to correct complaints concerning noise from the establishment. He has sealed windows, moved the location of the band, and sent questionnaires to residents in an attempt to solve the problem. Selectmen will notify Brzoska that, although they have granted the full license, they can impose limits or take the license away for violations. The board reaffirmed its position that it would deal strongly with all violations, major and minor.

Chairman John Viel, speaking for the board, said that a full license was available, and it seemed better to extend a seasonal license of an establishment in town. All selectmen felt that there were "more than enough" liquor establishments in town.

Selectmen plan to send letters to all liquor businesses in town stating they did not have the time nor money to "babysit". Proprietors are responsible for enforcing regulations and keeping complaints minimal or they will put their licenses in jeopardy, Selectmen said.

In other business, the board took under advisement the application of T.J. Welch for a class II license to buy and sell used cars at his Sam West Road location. Welch stated that he already has a permit to deal with trucks and that he would not deal in junk parts. He would only do repair work to resell the cars. The Planning Board favored the proposal of a "good" class II operation, but not of a junk yard. According to a note from the Building Inspector, the location was zoned properly for such business. No one spoke in opposition.

Selectmen have granted a business license to Michael Crolle to operate a convenience store and automotive repair garage at the former George's Country Corner on Point Grove Rd. Crolle, who has had 15 years experience in car repair in Springfield, plans to have the business in operation this week.

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School Budget Needs Trimming

By Andi Phelps

Southwick: Facing an expected shortfall of \$229,000 in its projected 1982-83 budget, the School Committee named an advisory committee to study various ways to trim the \$3.3 million total. The group will present its proposals to the School Committee by mid-January.

Areas under consideration for more efficient use are transportation, building use, custodial service and, especially, staff use and class scheduling.

The town does not expect a drastic decrease in its present enrollment of 1,721, but, according to school officials, ten years ago the system had more students and fewer buildings and still functioned well. Closing Consolidated School was just good business practice, and Southwick citizens must adjust to what they now have, members of the advisory committee said. They reported that to continue in the existing program will require a 10% increase in funds.

School department officials feel that present custodial services are not adequate and that five more persons are needed to properly care for the buildings and grounds. Presently, eleven custodians serve on day and night shifts. If custodial care decreases, the buildings will deteriorate, according to Business Manager Kenneth Johnson.

The advisory panel will investigate the cost of hiring outside the system, giving consideration to salary, retirement and insurance payments. The group will also consider major expenditures for insulation and roof repair in the near future.

The panel is looking for at the cost effectiveness of contracting school buses rather than maintaining a town fleet. According to officials, Southwick is unique in the area because it does own buses. The panel will question other towns concerning advantages and disadvantages of leasing buses. A proposal to ask residents for possible routing changes will also be considered.

The most extensive area for study will be the efficient use of staff and possible drastic rescheduling of class time and building use. Approximately 80% of the school budget consists of salaries and that means "less bodies doing more or paying each one less" according to panel member Gilbert Arnold. Panel members feel that teachers often do not understand the town's financial problems, but that they will

have to yield to public pressure.

The study group wants to start with a basic philosophy of education, which takes into consideration the needs of college-bound students as well as vocational students, the need for extra-curricular activities, and special needs programs. They must also take an overview on the effects on the community of a restructured educational plan. The committee expects to be required to make "painful" trade-offs to live within its philosophy and budget.

At the meeting, it was generally felt that kindergarten through grade 3 classes should remain small, under 25 students, but there could be more flexibility in the upper grades, especially at the high school. Suggestions in this area included eliminating excess study periods, holding larger gym classes, moving advanced courses out of the regular core of activity, allowing for after school study periods, giving stipends for teaching after school time, and enlisting volunteers to teach courses in the arts and to perform non-teaching duties now done by teachers.

According to Superintendent of Schools Louis Josselyn, reshuffling would not be an easy task. Much of the operation is dictated by the teachers' contracts, he said. He also noted that town schools have been forced by the community to handle social problems because no other facilities are available.

The study group hopes that teachers will go along with their suggestions. Study committeeman John Baribault feels that, given the shortage of funds, "industry could not work with such a contract" as teachers now have. Rev. David Wright said it is a matter of giving up some things and rearranging or eliminating jobs.

School Committeeman Philip Hall requested the study committee to dig into the figures and suggestions and "dream a little." He said the board needs and wants guidelines and conclusions from outsiders who would consider areas they might bypass.

The Budget Advisory Committee will meet with school officials on Friday, December 18th. The group also plans a meeting without school officials in order to draw up its proposal for the School Committee.

Members of the study committee are John Baribault, Claire Dougenik, Gilbert Arnold, Lester Carpenter, Rev. David Wright, and William Paules.

Curfew Signs On Table

By Connie Davis

On Wednesday night the Police Commission tabled a request for curfew signs on Burbank Avenue. The signs, requested by Stanley Szoka of the Zoning and Planning Board, were to stipulate no truck traffic from 7:30 p.m. - 7 a.m. during the week, as well as on weekends.

The traffic from businesses located on Burbank Avenue has caused some residents to accuse town officials of inaction when confronting the nuisance it presents.

In discussion, Police Chief Murray Phelps said that trucks have the right to turn around on the street because it is a public highway. Member John Biggerstaff felt that residents would call the police each time a pick-up truck went through. Another member, Paul Koscak, stated he would favor the signs if they would solve the problem. However, Koscak said he has discussed the subject with individuals who say there is not truck problem in the area.

In considering other instances, Lt. Robert Williams spoke of the effort to change truck traffic on South Stone Street. Without a town ordinance, trucks cannot be stopped, he said. Joseph Zaczynski described the difficulty trailers have in making the corner of Thompsonville Road and East Street, coming and going from Fleming Trucking Terminal. He felt a sign was needed there.

Mark Autorino, who chaired the meeting in the absence of John Mannix, shared some background information: local resident William Glynn, whose warehouse was located on Burbank Avenue, was issued a special use permit last April to allow trucks to enter and exit from the premises. Glynn has relocated his business to South Windsor.

Autorino said, "The town has lost \$40,000 in taxes. Why didn't Burbank Avenue residents request signs in May? It's foolish 8 months after the fact to request signs."

Lt. Williams recalled that two years ago there was a liaison between the Police Commission and the Zoning and Planning Board. Autorino agreed that such a liaison is a good idea, citing the future building of condominiums by the river, and the difficulty in seeing cars coming up the hill, which will be compounded by 200 more cars when construction is completed. A liaison could address such issues before problems develop, he said.

On the motion of member James Dineen, the Police Commission tabled the issue of proposed signs and will take the matter under advisement.

In other business, the request of Gordon Hayes for crossing signs was discussed and passed. The commission said the highway department will erect the signs.

The commission hired Charles Begley of Windsor as new supernumerary in further action.

Suffield Land Conservancy Issue Report

Suffield: At the annual meeting of the Suffield Land Conservancy on December 2, the Board of Directors announced that they had passed the 65% mark in their drive for funds for the former Spencer property on West Suffield Mountain. Donations have surpassed \$37,000.

The S.L.C. was formed by a group of resident property owners interested in preserving these 44.6 acres to protect the Sunrise Park Watershed and to give Suffield a permanent access to an unusually beautiful area of woodlands.

To accomplish this end, the Connecticut River Watershed Council provided the funds to purchase the Spencer property, and the S.L.C. is repaying the loan in equal installments which become due in October, 1982.

"We're feeling pretty good about our progress thus far," reports John Mosher, treasurer of the S.L.C. "We are only two months into our townwide drive for support. We've been able to keep up our payments so far, principally because of the advance support

received by generous donations. Of the \$37,000 received thus far, \$30,000 came in advance. This is in keeping with our goal to achieve 50% of the funds by larger donors to "match" the contributions of the entire town."

Mosher continued, however, that from now on support must come from the town at large. He hopes to expect pledges which individuals have indicated may be forthcoming. He detailed the tax advantages in a donation of either cash or stocks, and asked large donors to consider whether they would benefit most from a 1981 or 1982 donation.

The S.L.C. is extremely grateful to those who have helped out to this point on their drive for funds. They are looking forward to hearing from many more families, businesses, and organizations in the near future.

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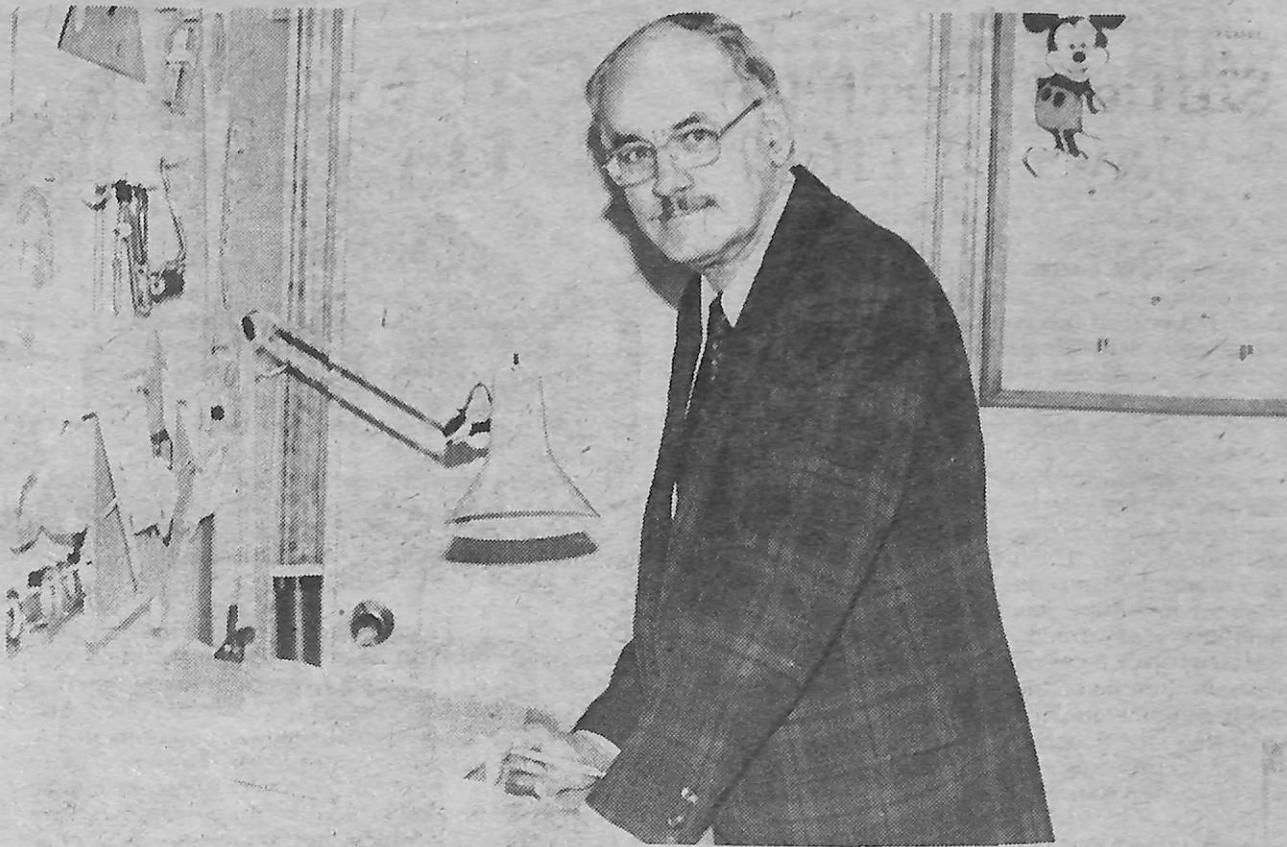
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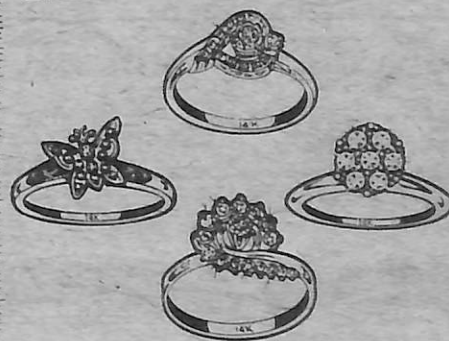
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Tripping About

By Jeanne Gilbert

Cobwebs About At Vermont Inn

On a recent trip to Quechee, Vermont, we stayed at the Quechee Inn at Marshland Farms, an 18th century home of Vermont's first Lt. Governor, Colonel Joseph Marsh.

The inn has 22 rooms, cable TV and provides guests with a complimentary continental breakfast of homemade coffee cake, cold cereal, English muffins, coffee or tea and a choice of three juices. This is all served buffet style in the cozy and hospitable dining room.

We had what is called the Coach House Suite, two small rooms with high ceilings, rustic old beams, barn board wainscoting with off-white walls. The rooms were attractive and well-decorated; however, the rugs hadn't been vacuumed, cob-webs were everywhere - you could see that the dust along the ledge of the wainscoting had been collecting for quite some time.

Number 18 wire, with bare connections, was shining through the baseboard heating register. Cable for the TV in the bedroom was lying across the floor in front of a doorway.

It was a cold, raw Vermont day, and the heating unit in the sitting room wasn't working properly. Wind was penetrating the old windows. Luckily, there were storms to pull down which helped a great deal. The bathroom was large, with modern fixtures, plenty of towels, but no electrical unit for my husband's electric shaver.

Dinner is served at the inn by reservation Wednesday through Saturday from 6 - 9 p.m. The five entrees on the menu were not to my husband's liking so we dined out.

Amenities are available to guests at nominal fees: dining and recreational facilities at the Quechee Club.

Glancing over the guestbook, I found that it was filled with very complimentary remarks, which makes me wonder if we're too fussy or do people think cobwebs lend to that New England charm. But I feel strongly that when you are paying \$75 per night, you should expect to have a well-maintained room with everything in proper working order.

Other things to see in the area are the scenic Quechee Gorge known as "Vermont's Little Grand Canyon." At the Quechee Gorge you will find a gift shop that features sportswear for men and women. "Dewey's Fabrics," which is located in the big red room, is a must for sewers. If you're hungry, Dana's restaurant by the Gorge is a great place to stop; the food is good and prices are reasonable. Not too far away is the beautiful village of Woodstock with its many interesting little shops.

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Suffield Purchases "Jaws Of Life"

By Candis Bloomrose

SUFFIELD: Seconds count when lives weigh in the balance. In Suffield, since December of last year, a rescue unit has been in service, making residents feel more secure. As of August 1981, the unit has been equipped with a tool that makes all the difference when time is of the essence - "Jaws of Life."

A committee, consisting of representatives of the Fire and Police Departments and Ambulance Association, was formed to discuss the need for a rescue unit in August 1979. The need was established at the December 1979 meeting of the Fire Commission, a rescue committee, (consisting of Fire Department members) was formed.

After writing a general operating procedure, listing needed equipment, the recommendation forwarded was to purchase a CHEV 1964 rescue unit from Windsor Locks. The proposal was given the green light by the Fire Commission after meeting with representatives of police and ambulance.

On August 16 and 17 of last year, nine firefighters attended a course (Basic Vehicular Rescue), sponsored by the Connecticut Fire School, in North Thompsonville. The course was also repeated in November. Captain Thomas Bellmore was the assigned officer in charge and approximately twenty-three firefighters and ten policemen became familiar with rescue tools and were trained in vehicle extrication.

A rash of accidents in December 1980 and last January, in which the Hurst Jaws of Life were summoned from the Enfield and Windsor Locks Fire Departments, convinced Suffield's team the tool was a necessity. A Jaws of Life Fund Drive, initiated in April and sponsored by the Firemen's Association, raised \$8,000 by June through donations from business and civic organizations and private citizens.

Delivery of the Jaws of Life was taken on August 9, in time for a firefighter's drill.

The Hurst Model 32b Jaws of Life hydraulic rescue tool gives 12,000 - 18,000 lbs of working force. It bends, prods, tears, shears and forces metal, masonry, or timber - making it possible to get victims with life-saving speed. It can force doors, remove steering columns, open barred windows, cut door posts, raise heavy weights, peel back roofs and sheet metal, and lift rollup doors. It can also take fire doors off completely.

The jaws, spreading to 32" of critical rescue space, is designed to be a manageable one-man tool and works off a light weight power unit, increasing its portability.

At the present time thirty-four of sixty-four volunteer firefighters have taken the Connecticut Vehicle Rescue Course and drill once a week in different aspects of fire fighting procedures and rescue work.

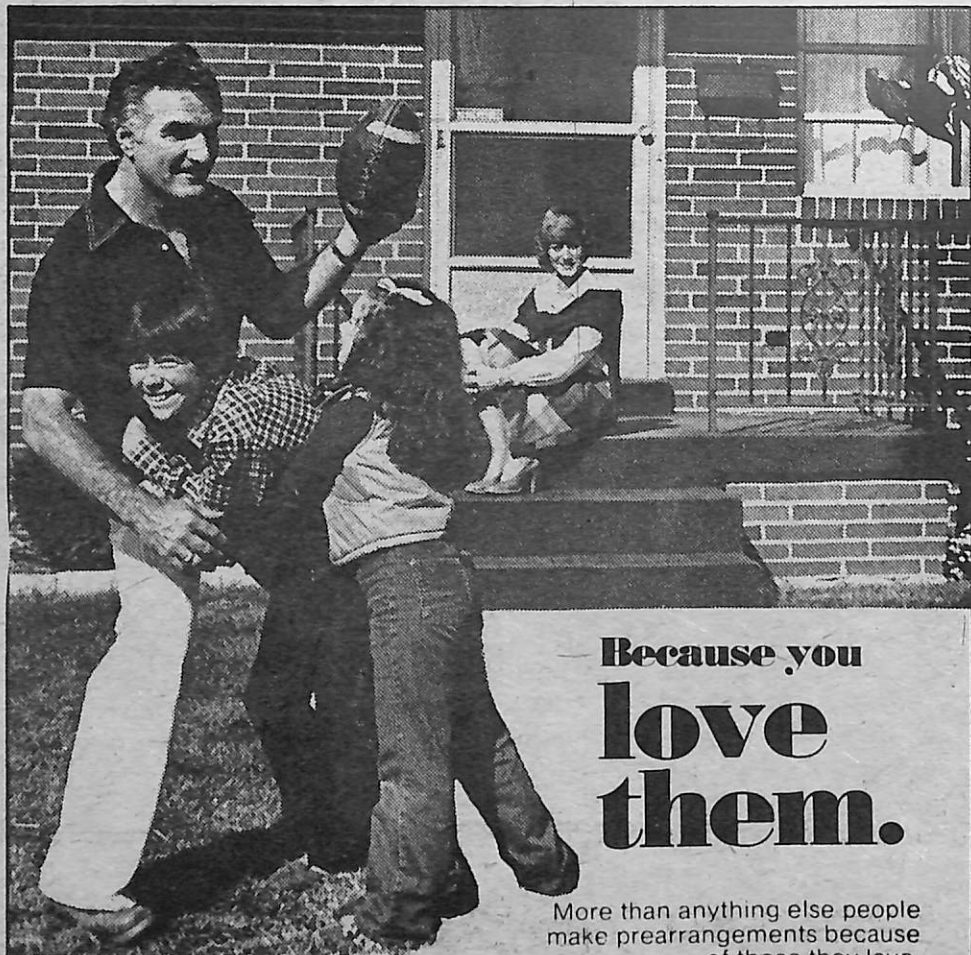


SUFFIELD FIRE-FIGHTERS LEE CHAPMAN (left) and GEORGE HASTINGS prepare to use the "Jaws of Life" on a test-car during recent field training exercise in Suffield. The new equipment will aid the town whenever a serious accident occurs. The "Jaws of Life" are a proven life-saving device used by communities throughout the country. Advertiser/News by Jim Nelson.

The department has sixteen Emergency Medical Technicians and eleven Medical Response Technicians. Each is trained in Cardiovascular Pulmonary Resuscitation, but the E.M.R.'s take eighty-one hours of course work in medical training, including an in-depth study of body functions.

When police receive a call for motor vehicle accident, an ambulance is dispatched immediately if there are injuries. The fire truck may be called in case of fire and the rescue unit, housed at the main station on Mountain Road, is signaled for entrapment. Happening simultaneously, these actions take minutes.

The rescue team is trained to use their equipment quickly and efficiently, protecting fellow citizens. All of Suffield should rest easier knowing that they have an excellent emergency team.



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PATRICIA LABOMBARD of **SMITH'S DEPARTMENT STORE** of Southwick arranges their full line of name-brand winter wear.

By Claudia Scott

Southwick: The Christmas shopping you promised yourself would be all done by now is not. You hate the thought of driving to the malls and department stores, looking for parking places, facing traffic, crowds, lines and wasted hours searching for items that have been picked over by hundreds of shoppers. How did you ever let this happen to you, and what can you do about it?

You might give yourself a wonderful gift and stay nearby. In one leisurely day, you can go to the shops in Southwick and buy something for everyone on your list. You can accomplish all this as well as saving on gas, time, and the frustration of shopping which has transformed the practice of gift-giving from a once-cherished tradition to a dreaded commercial obligation.

As you begin your rounds, you might visit Grist Mill Plaza, which is open days and evenings. The **World of Books** offers something new for book-loving friends. Books with gifts enclosed are great fun; for example, a magnetized travel backgammon game for the person who wants to play while reading about the skills of the game. There is also an oven mitt inside the *Joy of Cooking* and a corkscrew inside a book on wines. You might consider purchasing the wine at the **Southwick Pharmacy**.

Next door to the bookshop at **Smith's Department Store**, you can help someone save energy with a gift of warmth in the form of a thermal robe and matching gown by Katz. There are also elegant velvet evening jackets and skirts for holiday party attire. A real treat for your favorite lady or for yourself on New Year's Eve!

Consider next a stop at **Shoppers Drug** for your Hallmark goodies, the only vendor of those products in town. You can also find Russell Stover candies at this establishment.

Continuing on College Highway to the **Blue Boy Homemade Candle Shop**, you will be pleased by the aroma inside the store, but won't want to leave before buying someone special a music box candle, a

wax nativity set, or one of the hundreds of handmade stocking-sized figurines of everything you can imagine.

You might then head back to the center of town to the **Country Colonial Shop** where you can "see everything without going 'everywhere'"; the shop claims. It's true, and because browsers are welcome, you'll find gifts here without any hassles.

One of the nicest shops around for handmade items is **The Village Crafters**. Phyllis Ludden adds her warm personality to a shop filled with visual treats, including an edible gingerbread house (although you might want to shellac it!) The folk art and stenciled items are really too pretty to describe; you must really visit this shop at 473 College Highway to appreciate it.

If you like to make handcrafted items yourself, try the **Craft Emporium**, also on College Highway. Not only will you find all your craft supplies at very reasonable prices, but you can get gift certificates for one of the many classes that Martha and Jeff Allman offer in the winter. A great idea for a creative friend!

The feeling of Christmas really surrounds you as you enter **Southwick Florist**, a full delivery/wire service shop with a wide selection of poinsettias. Why not consider a Norfolk pine as a living gift to someone in an apartment? They will enjoy not only this easy-to-care-for plant all year, but will then have their tree for next Christmas. You'll even be surprised at its much lower cost locally than at area malls.

Mike Vanderhoof of **Southwick Opticians** has a variety of practical stocking stuffer ideas for those on your list who wear eyeglasses. Besides gift certificates, there are chains, initials, sport bands, repair kits and cleaners. In addition to non-prescription sunglasses, he offers ski goggles which darken in bright sunlight. You need not worry about wrong choices either as everything is exchangeable.



Pine items in the **Unfinished Furniture House** are great for the handyman to either receive as a gift or to buy to finish for someone else. The dollhouse kits, children's rocking chairs and horses, and cradles will thrill any child, while you save money by finishing it yourself - something even a novice can do easily.

If you next skip across the street, you can visit **Monica's Party House**, where the "Dolly Parton" lollipops will put a smile on any man's face. There are Muppet pops for children and the "Cuddles" soft bunny toys which are a favorite of collectors.

By next walking over to the **Southwick Watch and Clock Shop**, you can meet Wilfried Brockmeyer, a master clockmaker. He offers a unique



NOVEL STOCKING STUFFERS await you at **MONICA'S PARTY HOUSE** at 603 College Highway.

alarm clock that looks like a large pocket watch and a "clip-clock" to take anywhere. While you're visiting, you might also arrange to have repaired that broken watch you haven't been able to wear. You won't find better service anywhere.

What? Still a name or two left on your list? Gift certificates to these places might finish up your shopping. A gift of a beauty makeover or haircut at **Linda's Beauty Boutique** on Juniper Street could be your answer. The person who owns a car would certainly appreciate a service certificate at **Gates Auto** at 96 Point Grove Road, where they guarantee their work.

HOW ABOUT A GIFT CERTIFICATE or stocking-stuffers for those who wear glasses from Mike Vanderhoof of **SOUTHWICK OPTICIANS**?



WILFRIED BROCKMEYER, master clock and watchmaker of **SOUTHWICK WATCH AND CLOCK** suggest repairing an irreplaceable time-piece as a special favor for Christmas.

Stained glass lovers will find just what they're looking for at the **Crafty Art Barn** on College Highway, and for friends in business, they might appreciate a wide selection of cards and stationery offered at the **Mint Printers**.

The **Bargain Corner** at 6 Bonnie View Drive has many seasonal items for the sports-oriented person on your list. A used, 6-foot long toboggan and many sleds as well as over 100 pairs of used ice skates and skis and boots are available this year, and all are at bargain rates.

Now wasn't that easy? Now you might top off your shopping spree with a stop at the **Salmon Brook Coffee Shop** to visit friendly Gail Bednaz as you relax and get back that true Christmas spirit of giving. It's easy if you have spent your shopping day as suggested.



THE COUNTRY COLONIAL GIFT SHOP in the center of Southwick offers an extensive selection of Pendelfins.

VARIETY IN GIFT IDEAS

By Candis Bloomrose

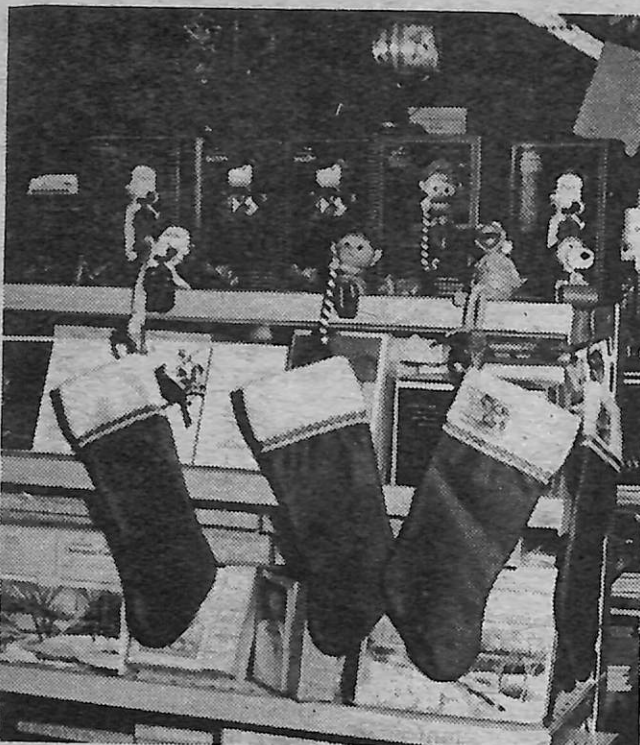
Suffield: As the final slices are cut from the Thanksgiving turkey, attention turns toward Christmas and that ever-puzzling question of gift-giving. Residents of Suffield will find that their beautiful New England town offers more than an attractive holiday atmosphere. Businesses within its borders have abundant items from which to choose presents for relatives and friends.

For people on your gift-giving lists who enjoy good food and drink, a gift certificate to two fine restaurants, the **Suffield Inn** or **St. Germain's**, would be a unique surprise. Both eating establishments are gayly decorated for the holiday season.

John's Food Town and the **Suffield Village A & P** have fruit baskets of any size and party platters with assortments of meat and cheeses to serve small or large groups of hungry guests. Of course, roasts and regular holiday specials can be found at both stores to complete yuletide feasting.

Excellent wines, liquors and beer can be found in festive wrap at local package stores. The **Country Package Store** in West Suffield has a selection of ceramic bottles, and the **Village Package Store** stocks a special holiday collection of Bolla, Gallo and Paul Mason wines.

Images in the Village and **Hair Fashions** on Mountain Road suggest a gift certificate for a relaxing beauty treatment for that special person on your list. Both carry a full line of hair care products as well, which are ideal for stocking stuffers.



YOU'LL FIND A WIDE SELECTION of Hallmark cards attractively displayed at MARK DRUG on Mountain Road in Suffield.

A hardware store always has interesting articles for the men on your list, and **Ken's Hardware Store** in West Suffield Center is no exception. Pocket knives to slip into stockings, Aladdin-style lamps, wheelbarrows, and show shovels can be found about the store.

For the camera buff, **Zacher's Camera Shop** in the Village offers a variety of Kodak equipment, slide projectors, and film. Also available for purchase are picture frames, and anyone mentioning this article will receive 10% off frames and camera bags until Christmas.



SANTA'S ELF AT FLOWERS UNLIMITED greets shoppers who are welcome to browse through this village shop's beautiful array of gift selections.

To many, a very important part of Christmas is the family tree: **Walt's Christmas Tree Farm** on Phelps Road and **Markowski and Sons Tree Farm** on Boston Neck Road guarantee fresh trees. Walt's trees may be cut with your own saw for \$8 each. At Markowski's, trees may be tagged and cut any time before Christmas for \$15.

Suffield has a lot to offer residents any time of the year. At Christmas when time is of the essence and the weather unpredictable, patronize these businesses and let them help you make the season especially merry.

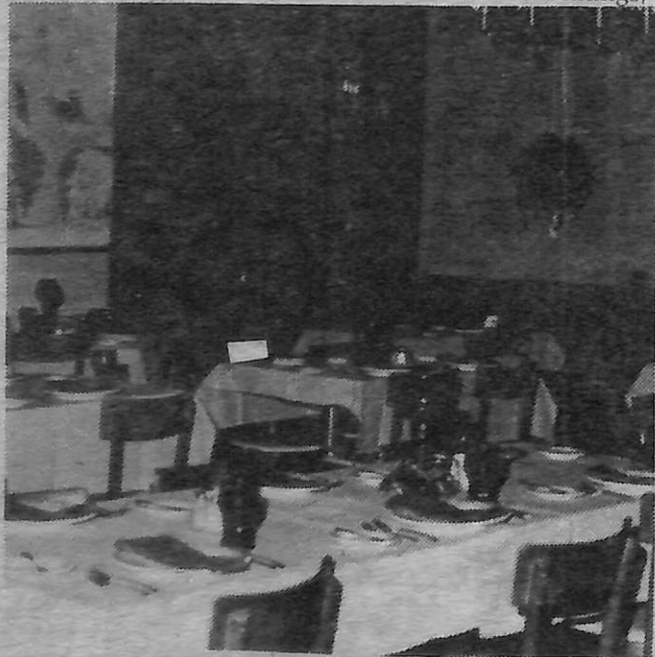


JUST A SAMPLING of the holiday wine selection at the VILLAGE PACKAGE STORE in Suffield Village.

For the creative person, the **Village Tole Shop** on Mountain Road has an abundant stock of supplies for decorative painting. Also, **Florence Cebula** of West Suffield, an artist proficient in porcelain painting, offers gift certificates for lessons beginning in January.

Handmade afghans, quilted tops, ceramics, children's apparel, quilling pictures, and Christmas decorations make the **No-Name Shop** at the Village a special shopping experience. Personalized glass mugs or decanters with initials or name can be ordered in time for Christmas.

The **Corner Cupboard Gift Shop** on Mountain Road invites shoppers to choose stocking stuffers and larger items from their selection of Smurf figures, sun-catcher stained glass, unusual tree trimmings,



THE DINING ROOM at the SUFFIELD INN is festively decked with boughs of holly and ready for your holiday merrymaking.

jewelry and dollhouse furniture. Homemade chocolate candies by **Olive Beresford** make a wonderful hostess thank-you.

Poinsettias have arrived at **Flowers Unlimited** in time for holiday decorating, and arrangements of artificial and fresh pine greenery are abundant throughout this beautiful shop. Anna-Lee dolls in festive attire peek out from every corner, and **Keith Markwell** chocolates are always available for special friends.

Before penning cards, shoppers should visit **Mark Drug** and the **Suffield Pharmacy** to choose the best in holiday greetings. Mark Drug carries a full line of Hallmark items as well as perfume, cosmetics, and **Russell Stover** and **Brighams** candies.

Surprise a child or adult who enjoys physical activity with a gift certificate from **Babb's Roller Skating Rink** in West Suffield or the **Academy of Artistic Performance** in the Village. Ticket booklets at Babb's cost \$15 and entitle the holder to eight admissions; a \$13 savings on the regular \$3.50 entrance price. Skating instructions as well as new skates, skate carriers, and related items can also be purchased at the rink.

A studio of personalized instruction, the **Academy of Artistic Performance** offers gift certificates for instruction in all forms of dance for \$12 and up. They also carry a full line of tap and ballet shoes, leotards, and dancing bags.

Local concerns which offer specialized items for sale are often overlooked at Christmastime. One of these for the do-it-yourselfer on your list is the **West Suffield Welding Shop**, which sells and services **Stihl** chainsaws. The 032 model is on special at \$369.95; and bonus items are included with other models through Christmas.

The **Wood Depot Trading Post and Coal Company**, a specialty store selling wood- and coal-burning stoves and accessories, also has Swiss-made **Forscher** cutlery and handmade wrought iron fireplace implements.



CAROL AND STEVE MARKOWSKI of MARKOWSKI & SON'S TREE FARM recommend a fresh-cut tree for the holidays from their Boston Neck Road location.

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JIM NELSON



The Library Link

By Eugene Biggio

One of the Library Services that has grown extremely popular is the free notary service. I am a notary public in the State of Connecticut and am regularly available to notarize affidavits, acknowledgements etc.

It's always wise to have some form of identification with you. You may have material notarized generally from 10-5 p.m. Monday through Friday but do call before coming. If I am not in, the reference desk has a list of other notaries in town to whom you may be referred.

'Tis the season to be buying and here are a few book suggestions taken from recent library acquisitions. A brand new collection of Charles Osgood's most recent "Newsbreak" pieces - funnier and more trenchant than his first - has been published by Holt, Rinehart and Winston (\$10.95). It's called *There's nothing that I wouldn't do if you would be my POSSLO*; persons of the opposite sex sharing living quarters.

For biography readers there is an appealing mix of titles. Kitty Kelley's *Elizabeth Taylor* is an unabashed look into the public and private life on the woman the author calls the "Last Star." (Simon, \$13.95). Albert Goldman's brand new *Elvis* is an expansive detailed biography which is both engaging and disturbing.

A book the New York Times called "Biography at its best" is William S. McFeeley's fascinating chronicle *Grant* (Norton \$19.95) of the great general who became the country's worst president. Finally there is *Woody Guthrie, A Life* by Joe Klein (Knopf \$15.95).

The Outlaw Trail by Robert Redford is an attractive coffee-table type book. With photos by Jonathan Blair the book is a journey through the West which combines history and nature. A good buy for nature lovers (Grossett & Dunlop \$14.95). An interesting buy for the history buff would be *Small Town America*: a narrative history (1620 to the present), by Richard Lingeman.

Widely acclaimed, the book is a history of the United States as seen through the development of its small towns. (Houghton-Mifflin \$8.95).



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Congo Church Bazaar Successful



Taking a moment out from their busy preparations for the bazaar recently held by members of the West Suffield Congregational Church are, left to right, Ann Larson, Estelle McMillan, bazaar chairperson, Allison Orr and Nancy Orr. The event also included a holiday meal of baked ham and all the fixings. Photo by Jim Nelson.

Laughing Brook Slates Yuletide Children's Program

Massachusetts Audubon Society's Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden has scheduled its annual holiday Yuletide program for youngsters on Saturday, December 19th, from noon to 2 p.m.

Children will participate in a storytelling session meet some of Laughing Brook's animals, and make some take-home holiday crafts. A Yuletide feature is the dedication of the Littlest Christmas Tree, a short story made famous by children's author Thornton W. Burgess and read by Laughing Brook's own Mother West Wind.

Participating children are invited to bring holiday gifts of food for the animals housed at the sanctuary. Small donations of bird seed, peanut butter, carrots or fruit will be accepted and distributed to the animals during the winter months.

Yuletide at Laughing Brook is open to all children between the ages of 3½ and 6. A program fee will be charged, and reservations are required in advance. For more information, call Laughing Brook at 566-8034.

Christmas Concert

The Westfield State College Chorale and Madrigal Singers, under the direction of Dr. Theodore Davidovich, will present its annual Christmas Concert in Bates Recital Hall on Saturday, December 12th at 8 p.m.



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Postmasters Urge To Mail For Holidays NOW

Southwick Postmaster Eldon Johnson reminds all residents that if they have not yet mailed holiday cards and packages, please do not wait any longer.

Last year all post offices, including ours, were clear of holiday mail by Christmas Eve - thanks to your cooperation. But we need your help again this year. And please, remember to use ZIP Codes on all your cards and packages, including your return address.

Shopping by mail can be time-saving and thrifty, noted the Postmasters. But if you suspect mail fraud or false advertising, the Postal Service wants to know about it. Promoters of falsely advertised products respect no one, even during the Christmas season. If you've ordered merchandise through the mail and don't receive it, or find that is not as represented, contact Postmaster Johnson immediately.

The best way for us to fight the few who misuse the mail-order business is for everyone to be on the alert. Remember, if an offer sounds too good to be true, chances are that it is.

If you've ordered merchandise through the mail and don't receive it, the Postal Service wants to know about it. The vast majority of mail-order businesses are honest, but promoters of falsely advertised products respect no one and ruining someone's Christmas Holiday is of little concern to the villains.



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After enrolling in Charter Oak, all relevant credit is combined and the enrollee then plans what he or she must do to complete the degree they select. Charter Oak awards both Associate and Bachelor's degrees in the liberal arts. To complete their degree work, enrollees may take appropriate courses at area colleges, or study independently for college-level exams given by BSAA.

Most enrollees choose to take some courses and some exams, but the choice and the burden of completion is on the student. Counselors are available at the BSAA office in Hartford and there are often sessions held at libraries throughout the state to make the program accessible to everyone.

Charter Oak, which was established by the state legislature in 1973, now has over 900 graduates and there are currently over 1300 enrollees working on degrees. Costs for the program vary depending on the choices of courses and exams made by each person, but the basic costs are the enrollment fee of \$125 (waived for Viet Nam era veterans and those over 62), the bachelor's degree planning fee of \$100, and a graduation fee of \$50.

All bachelor's degree programs are submitted to the Charter Oak faculty for approval. The faculty is composed of men and women who teach at other colleges in southern New England.

Charter Oak is the answer for adults who need a college degree for employment purposes or those of want it for their own satisfaction. It allows the enrollee to fit his or her study around the other activities in their lives and yet it leads to a college degree recognized as being equal to a traditional degree. It is not an easier way to a college degree, but for many it is a more possible way.

For more information about Charter Oak College, call the Board for State Academic Awards, 340 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, 06115. (203) 566-7230.

Holly Bazaar Held By Ladies Society



DIANE ARNOLD, chairperson of the Ladies Benevolent Society's annual Holly Bazaar and her son, Devon, set up craft booths for the December 5th event. Advertiser/News photo by Jim Nelson.

Suffield Wreath Making

The Suffield Recreation Department will sponsor an herbal wreath making class and demonstration on Thursday, December 17th, at the Suffield High cafeteria from 7 to 9 p.m. Cost \$15.

To register, call the recreation department. Elaine Chittenden, a graduate of Radcliff Hicks School of Art, will be the instructor. Participants are welcome to bring their own dry materials.

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Dogs outside should be fattened so as to withstand the colder weather; heavier diet should be available to your dog that is outside in the wintertime. In winter, check the water several times daily in case of freezing; insure that your dog gets a drink of water several times a day.

Attach a chain to the doghouse so that it won't become strangled; affix swivels to both ends of the chain to help keep the chain from becoming entangled. Do not fasten the chain to a pole or anywhere it can be wrapped around the same. The chain must be at least three times the length of the dog's body or about 12 feet. There is no excuse for short chains.

Make sure your dog has normal body weight. If he/she is thin have it checked by your vet for worms, and make sure it has an adequate diet. You are not qualified to worm your own dog with patient medicines.

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Spaulding School Christmas Bazaar



DONNA BULDRINI welcomes area shoppers to her craft booth at Spaulding School's annual Christmas Bazaar. The very successful event went will enable the school to sponsor many activities not otherwise possible. Congratulations to those responsible for the Spaulding School Christmas Bazaar. Advertiser/News photo by Jim Nelson.

Ken & Mary Lapan Proud New Grandparents

Grandparents for the first time are Kenneth and Mary Lapan of 20 Woodside Drive, Southwick.

Their son Lance Corporal David A. Lapan and his wife Nanci gave birth to their first child, Kristin Renee, on December 6. The baby, weighing 7 pounds and measuring 19 inches long, arrived by natural childbirth.

In fact, Nanci stopped in the hallway on her way back to her hospital room to call her parents, Joanne and Philip Dugas, of Gorham, Maine with the news.

Dave and Nanci are presently living at Sea Island, Port Royal, South Carolina where Dave, a 1978 graduate of Southwick High School, is stationed with the U.S. Marines.

PWP Slates Record Hop

SOUTHWICK: Parents Without Partners will conduct a record hop December 12 at the Polish American Club on Route 57 in Feeding Hills from 9 to 12:30. Members and other PWP Chapters are cordially invited to attend.

Guest Preacher At Episcopal Church

Suffield: The Reverend John Neal, Anglican priest from Perth, Western Australia, will be the guest preacher at the 8 and 10 A.M. services, Sunday, December 13, at Calvary Episcopal Church.

Mr. Neal is a former chaplain and professor at St. George's College in Crowley, Western Australia. He is at present writing a history of the Anglican Church in Australia.

Christmas Services at Calvary will be Christmas Eve, December 24 with a 5:00 P.M. family service of lessons and carols, 10:45 P.M. Christmas carols, and 11:00 P.M. Holy Communion. 9:00 A.M. is the time for service on Christmas day.

Southwick Rec. Plans New Year's Eve Party

Southwick Recreation Center on Powder Mill Road off Route 57 is planning a New Year's Eve Party. The hall will be open at 7 p.m. with open bar available from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. and a sirloin dinner catered by Ray Derochers to be served.

Leo Murawski's band "Stardusters" will play all types of music, but oldies will be featured throughout the evening. Party favors, noisemakers, etc. will help ring in the new year.

Tickets are \$35 per couple by reservation only and should be obtained as soon as possible as they are limited.

For reservations, call (413) 569-5302, 569-5841, or 569-3144. or stop by the Southwick Recreation Center.

Handbell Ringers Perform For Grange

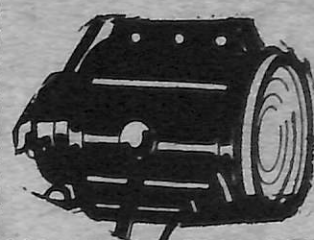
SOUTHWICK: At the last regular meeting of the Southwick Grange, the Central Baptist Church Memorial Handbell Ringers performed under the direction of George H. Briggs.

Ring the bells were Laura Donahue, Susan Eck, Laurie Gaskell, Stanley Gaskell, Mary Jo Guy, Donald Humason, Jr., Adrian LaRue, Marilyn Salois, Durwood Stone, Timothy Stone, Karen Tompkins and Nancy Stone.

At the meeting it was voted to donate \$25 to the Goodwill Industries, \$50 to the Salvation Army and \$50 for Multiple Sclerosis. It was announced that Gerald Celley was appointed to the Mass. State Grange Membership Committee by State Master Robert Barrow of Swansea, MA.

The next regular meeting will be January 12.

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SPOTLIGHT ON SENIORS

SOUTHWICK SENIOR MENUS

Mon., Dec. 14: American chop suey, green beans, orange juice, wheat bread, chocolate pudding, milk.

Tues., Dec. 15: Baked ham, boiled parslid potatoes, boiled cabbage, rye bread, applesauce, milk.

Wed., Dec. 16: Chicken 'n gravy, scalloped potatoes, broccoli, cranberry sauce, roll, fruit cocktail, milk.

Thurs., Dec. 17: Beef vegetable stew, tomato wedges, pineapple juice, wheat bread, chocolate chip cookies, milk.

Fri., Dec. 18: Baked cod, creole sauce, steamed rice, buttered carrots, cole slaw, rye bread, sliced peaches, milk.

Knitting and quilting classes are finished now. There is one more class in ceramics on December 17th, and the beading class has been discontinued.

There will be a senior meeting on December 14th from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

A Blood Pressure Clinic will be held at the Senior Center on December 16th from 1 to 3 p.m. and the Birthday Party for seniors will take place on the same day from 1:30 to 3:30.

The visit from the foot doctor scheduled for December 18th has been cancelled.

Joan Randolph is still in the Noble Hospital, room 268, and Dorothy Comee is still at Wesson Memorial Hospital, room 333A. Both will surely appreciate cards and phone calls.

Suffield Senior Citizens Activities

Tuesdays: Bowling at Bradley Bowl, Windsor Locks, every Tuesday morning from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Three games and shoes cost \$1.80. Call the Suffield Recreation Department for more information.

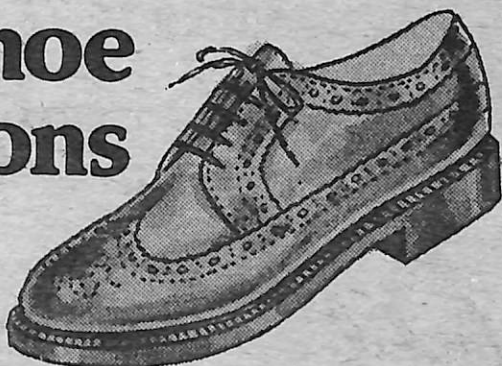
Wednesdays: Soup kitchen at Maple Court Hall on Bridge Street at 12 noon every Wednesday. For reservations, call 668-0238. Mini-bus transportation may be arranged by calling 668-0344.

Legion To Hold "Eggnog"

SOUTHWICK: American Legion Post 338 and Auxiliary are having their eggnog party December 19 at 7:30 p.m. Bring a \$3 gift to exchange, Legion Post officials today said. All members and guests are cordially invited.

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Suffield Auxiliary Of Child Services Donates \$7,050

By Connie Davis

Child and Family Services Suffield Auxiliary this past year gave \$7,050 to its parent organization, which serves the Greater Hartford area from headquarters at 1680 Albany Avenue.

A non-sectarian private agency, Child and Family Services offers many programs such as adoption, family day care, foster home care and extensive service to support emotionally disturbed children.

Landa Duckrow, Marge Martin, and Josephine Cynoski compose the executive committee in charge of the operation of the organizations best-known enterprise, its thrift shop on Mountain Road across from the Kent Memorial Library. This thrift shop provides a source of income to the organization and bargain merchandise to town residents. It is manned by 57 active members who work one shift a month. Hours are Wednesday and Thursday from 10 to 3 o'clock and Friday and Saturday from 10 to 1 o'clock.

A trip to headquarters in Hartford is conducted once a year to acquaint members with everyday activities. Each spring members help at a horse show in Farmington by selling programs and are represented at all horse show meetings.

Further information about Child and Family Services Suffield Auxiliary may be obtained from Mrs. Fred Sernatiger, 493 North Main Street.

School Concert Slated For December 17

SUFFIELD: On Thursday evening, December 17 at 7:00 p.m., the combined talents of the Spaulding Fifth Grade Chorus, under the direction of Mrs. Barbara Tanguay, and the Suffield High School Choir, under the direction of Mr. Frank Pacocha, Jr., will present their concert in the high school auditorium.

Tickets are \$1 and will be sold at the door.

The presentation of the combined groups performing the Christmas Musical, "The Star and the Stable", with piano accompaniment by Mrs. Sharon Girard and Mrs. Jodi Akely, will highlight the Christmas program.

Try Local Thrift Shop For Xmas



THE SUFFIELD CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES THRIFT SHOP, located on the corner of Route 75 and 168 offers a wide variety of merchandise to townspeople at reasonable prices. The goods, all used, are in excellent condition and should be noted for your Christmas shopping list. This thrift shop provides a source of income to the organization and, of course, bargain merchandise to townsfolk. Advertiser/News photo by Jim Nelson.

Firesafe Ideas

By the Suffield
Firemen's Association, Inc.



During the holiday season the Christmas tree is usually the focal point of family celebrations. The Bureau of the Connecticut State Fire Marshall has made the following suggestions for Christmas tree safety:

1. The tree's trunk should be sawed off at least two inches above and parallel to the original cut at the time the tree is set up.

2. The tree should be held up in an upright position by appropriate metal stand or container having a broad base with a water capacity of at least one gallon which is replenished daily.

3. Live trees with root balls attached must be held in a waterproof container covering which allows daily moistening of the root balls.

4. Locate the tree a safe distance from all sources of heat; also, do not block a doorway nor place next to the stairs providing egress from sleeping areas.

5. All sources of electric lighting should consist of equipment that is tested and labeled by a recognized laboratory. (e.g. U.L.).

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School News

Southwick School Lunch Menus

Powder Mill & High Schools

Mon., Dec. 14: Chickenburger on roll, pickles, onions, shredded lettuce, potato rounds, fruit, milk
 Tues., Dec. 15: Tomato rice soup, coldcut grinder, lettuce, tomato, pudding with topping, milk
 Wed., Dec. 16: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, shredded cheese, Popeye salad, French bread, fruited jello
 Thurs., Dec. 17: Christmas Dinner special: roast beef, potatoes, green beans, rolls (High School); baked chicken, potatoes, green beans, cranberry sauce, rolls (Powder Mill)
 Fri., Dec. 18: Manager's Choice

Woodland School

Mon., Dec. 14: Hamburger on roll, French fries, buttered corn, cookie, milk
 Tues., Dec. 15: Tomato rice soup, tuna salad sandwich, vegetable sticks, choc. or vanilla whip, milk
 Wed., Dec. 16: Same as other schools
 Thurs., Dec. 17: Christmas Dinner: turkey & gravy on bread, green beans, cranberry sauce, roll
 Fri., Dec. 18: Manager's Choice



PROUDLY DISPLAYING THEIR WARES at the Woodland School Christmas Bazaar in Southwick are students, from left: Mark Grosse, Nicole Bahlin, Tina Daville and Whitney Phillips. Twenty-five parents turned out this year to create beautiful items for the bazaar. Advertiser/News photo by Jim Nelson.

Southwick Youths Making Decorations For Shut-Ins

The Crafty Critters 4-H Club and Junior Grange which meet in the Southwick Grange Hall are making decorations to be presented to senior citizens during the group's annual Christmas Caroling.

Anyone who knows of a shut-in resident who would like a visit may call 569-3354 to leave their names. December 20th has been selected as the date, weather permitting.

7th & 8th Grades Set Winter Concert

Southwick: The annual winter concert scheduled by seventh and eighth graders at Powder Mill School will take place on December 17th beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the school's auditorium. An informal reception will follow the concert.

Chorus students are asked to arrive at the school at 7 p.m. and go directly to the music room. Band students should arrive at 7:30 and line up by rooms 1 and 8.

Woodland School Holds Xmas Bazaar

By Claudia Scott

Southwick: This week, 25 crafty mothers of children in grades kindergarten through fourth are feeling tired, but terrific, as their year-long efforts making 4,000 items paid off at the annual Children's Christmas Bazaar.

The three-day bazaar held at Woodland School was a marketplace geared to youngsters who chose Christmas gifts for their family and friends at very modest cost. All gift selections ranged in price from a nickel to fifty cents and included handmade ornaments, doll outfits, and items for all ages.

Parents were notified of the school bazaar by a letter sent home with each child. A financially successful project for everyone involved, the bazaar benefits the children through the low cost of the gifts and, through the volume of purchases, the activities fund of the Woodland School and the fourth grade at Powder Mill School.

The project, co-chaired by Janet Davilli and Pat Bahlin, needs more support from parents for next year. This year brought out 25 parents to create 4,000

items and, according to Mrs. Davilli, "It got to be a very heavy workload for the small, dedicated group."

"Because all the materials used for the bazaar are paid for by funds earned from the fall bake sale, no financial contributions are required - just time," she explained. She asks that people contact her soon about how they may help when next year's bazaar is being organized in January.

Mrs. Davilli stresses that if parent realize how much the money raised from this event helps their children participate in extracurricular activities that might otherwise have to be eliminated, they might be more willing to pitch in and help out.

The bazaar has provided field trips to the Springfield Symphony and to museums, plays, apple orchards, and farms (the latter two for kindergarten classes).

Interested parents may call Janet Davilli at 569-3462 or Pat Bahlin at 569-5810 to assist in this worthy venture for next year.

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Southwick Guidance Report

By Bernard Hagan

If you are a school leaver whose future is limited because of the lack of a high school diploma, you should consider taking a G.E.D. High School Equivalency Diploma Test as a first step in expanding your education.

Springfield Technical Community College, Holyoke Community College, and Onward with Learning Center (O.W.L.) offer the G.E.D. program.

Any 16, 17, or 18 year old who is not enrolled in high school may take this exam. You must be a resident of Massachusetts and have an official letter from your previous high school stating that you are not enrolled.

The exam costs \$15 and \$5 for the certificate. You must pass the exam with a 45 overall average and no mark on any one of the tests lower than 35. The certificate will not be issued to you until your nineteenth birthday, but you will be given proof to show your employer, military service, or for whatever need you may have for it.

Presently the O.W.L. has over 470 active students who are preparing for the G.E.D. You may enroll in their program by calling them at (413-787-7210) and making an appointment. There is no charge or cost for preparing for the exam. All that is required is a reading and math survey so that they will know at what level you are capable of starting.

STCC offers a course called Preparation for the G.E.D. which is offered twice a year. The first course starts in January and the second in September. Each course lasts for 15 weeks and is one night a week at a cost of \$86. For further information, you may call the college at 781-7822.

Important Events To Remember

The 1982-83 Financial Aid Forms are now available in the Southwick High School Guidance Office. Lee Siosa, director of Financial Aid at AIC, will be in the high school library on January 4th at 7 p.m. to discuss the form on a step-by-step basis with all interested parents and students who are applying for financial aid to college. Siosa has offered this opportunity to parents and students for the past four years and his assistance has proven to be very helpful as well as beneficial.

SOUTHWICK ALUMNI DAY, sponsored by the National Honor Society, will be held on Friday, December 18th, at 9 a.m. in the high school library. All past alumni are welcome to visit the school. Refreshments will be served.

Suffield High Slates 8th Grade Orientation

Suffield High School is holding an evening orientation program for eighth grade students and their parents in the high school cafeteria on Tuesday, December 15th, at 7 p.m.

Brief presentations will be heard from each department, administration and guidance. High school course selection books will be explained, and afterwards each department will have personnel located in an area of the cafeteria to answer questions.

During this time, student guides will be available to give tours of the high school. Parents having any questions about this program may contact Mrs. Watt at McAlister Middle School (668-5930).

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Academy Students Excel In Competition



STUDENTS FOR THE ACADEMY OF ARTISTIC PERFORMANCE of Southwick - Suffield and Agawam are pictured with trophies won at the Massachusetts State Baton and Pom-Pom Championships. The girls won first in the "Novice Division" to become the state champs. Top row, from left: Brandy Bouchard, Kim Kowalski, Tracy Sanville, Diane McCarthy and Dawn Bean. Bottom row: Danielle Sanville, Erika Martin, Liana Varosky. Missing from picture: Jennifer Robinson and Kristen Mihan. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

Senior High Students Teach Youngsters

By Lil Devin

Suffield: The Suffield School System encourages its students to work together, which is what several high school students did on November 30th and December 2nd. Nine students enrolled in the Life Education Program at Suffield High School and volunteered their time to talk with fifth graders at Spaulding School about drug abuse.

"The peer educators didn't preach to the youngsters," said Richard Foley, an instructor at the elementary school. "Rather, they stressed the dangers of having a poor self-image and warned of peer pressure, both of which can lead to drug abuse."

Mr. Foley noted the drug project at Spaulding is a ten-year old program and is part of a total health curriculum offered at the school. Although guest speakers have visited students before, this year is the first time peer educators were invited to help get the message of substance abuse across to younger children.

The high school's Life Education Program, coordinated by Becky Robinson and Barbara Kalber, works mostly with seniors. Ms. Robinson indicated that students are trained thoroughly in weekly, two-hour sessions prior to becoming peer educators.

She sees the program as helping young people develop a more realistic attitude toward everyday life. Many current issues are discussed in the program, and the session dealing with substance abuse

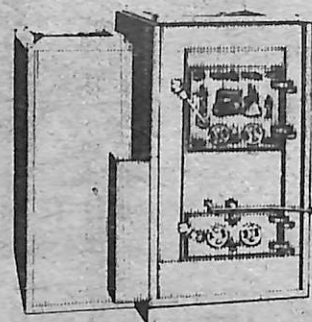
was coordinated with the health program at Spaulding to serve as a learning and growing vehicle for all students involved.

Instead of lecturing to the fifth graders, the older students organized situational role-playing and peer pressure activities to help get their message across.

According to Ms. Robinson, the peer educators loved working with the children at Spaulding and were impressed with the fifth graders' receptiveness and interest in their presentation.

Last week's program on drug abuse proved that education is a team effort in which teaching can be a growing and learning experience itself.

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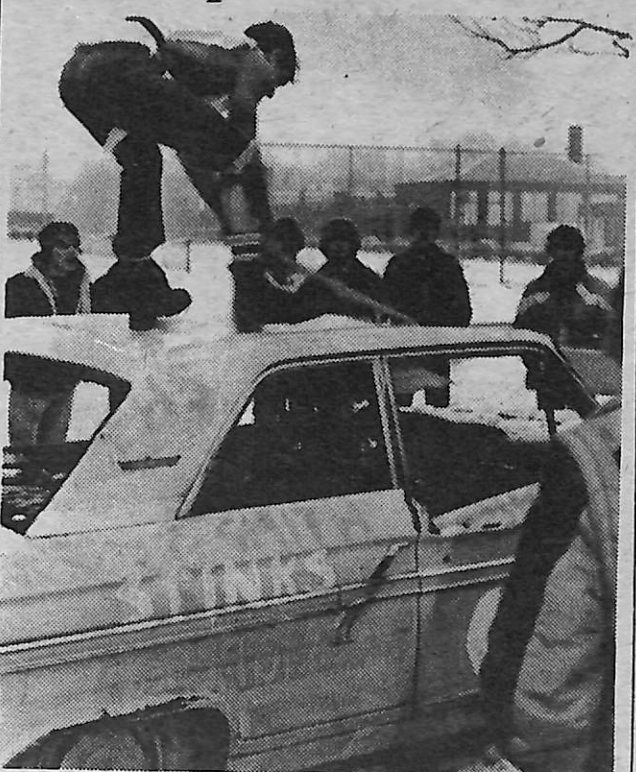
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Suffield High Hosts "Psycho Bash"



THE PSYCHO BASH at Suffield High School was an opportunity for students to pound out their frustrations on an old jalopy during "Spirit Week" at the school. The car sported names of Suffield High's rival schools and, as expertly displayed by Tim Pinto, Wildcat supporters did a "number" on their opposition. Advertiser/News photo by Jim Nelson.

Bridge Street Fourth Graders Christmas Shop

By Lil Devin

Suffield: On December 2nd and 4th, students at Bridge Street School had the opportunity to do some Christmas shopping at the school's annual holiday boutique.

Parents of the children, with aid from Suffield's Parent-Teacher Organization, made the crafts and helped students choose their handmade bargains, according to Joyce Zien, chairperson of the holiday boutique. The planning and work to prepare for the event took two months, and Ms. Zien explains that proceeds from the project would go to the PTO to be used later this year on other activities for the children.

Items such as stuffed animals, Christmas ornaments, and knitted projects were available at reduced rates in order to give children a chance to shop for their family and friends. Also, the event was used as a vehicle to teach students money management and to choose products wisely. Parents were invited to stop in and do some Christmas shopping as well.

The result of last week's holiday boutique was a happy and excited group of children who really got into the seasonal spirit.

Suffield High First Term Honor Roll

GRADE 12

High Honors: Eliza Laventis, Catherine Miller, Michele Pender, John Rollet, and Lisa Viscomi.

Honors: Terry Alderman, Lori Armata, John Bertolini, Clementina Blickarz, Robert Brackett, Kent Broder, Kathy Christian, Paula Christian, Dawn Cummock, Mary Cyr, Michael Deleeuw, Leigh Dudek, Michael Frey, John Gallant, Tony Gebhart

Also, Caroline Glass, MaryEllen Gogulski, James Herndon, Andrew Hryniewicz, Kathleen Kemp, Tracy Kope, James Kulas, Tamara Kuras, Francis Lutwindas, James Lyons, Nancy Mann, Carole Minninger, Debbie Murzyn, Susan Osowiecki

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GRADE 11

High Honors: Kristine Binder, Rose Cicero, Joanne Gardocki, Christine Hamborg, Robert Hayse, Christopher Lafond, Darlene Maiolo, and Clifford Pavelcik.

Honors: Margaret Bostrom, Jeffrey Brackett, Mark Burton, John Cervione, James Danise, Randi Demers, Katherine Dorn, Chelen Edwards, Gina Fielder, Russell Fricke, Sabrina Gildersleeve, Ann Golec, Elisabeth Gooch, Sandra Kelly, James Klase

Also, Susan Kolls, Catherine Kriss, Bret Lynch, Laurie Martin, Stephanie Melillo, Johathan Morse, William Nadeau, Donna Oppenheimer, Joseph Regan, David Schulte, Blain Simpson, Danielle Small, Laurie Varholak, and Debra Wild.

GRADE 10

High Honors: Laurie Bennett, Carl Casinghino (All A's), Robin Colson, Matt Coppolo, Katherine Guillemette, Cathleen Hamborg, Robin Hyde, Marilyn Jentzen, Caroline Kriss, Lori Luff, Marla Markowski, Kim Pearson, Audra Philippon, Mary Beth Prew, Michelle Wrisley, and Carol Zaczynski.

Honors: Karen Austin, Maria Basdekis, Janet Brown, Kevin Carney, Joseph Carieri, Deborah Case, Cheryl Champion, Jennifer Colson, Loreen Dechesser, Claude Dion, Michelle Dion, Kelly Donaghy, Joseph Fitzgerald, Penny Forbes

Also, Steven Galeta, Amanda Hastings, Kathryn Kavanagh, Kurt Knoefel, Nancy Kulina, Dorine Lecuyer, Carol Lennon, Mary Ann Liss, Christopher Magnuson, Timothy Maloney, James Martocchio, Anne Mason, Kenneth Mather, Kimberly Millick

Also, Carol Moore, John Muska, Jason Nadler, Kimberly Petkovich, Robin Wahl, Marie Watters, Lee Weller, Cort Wilson, Peter Winiarski, and Jill Woodworth.

GRADE 9

High Honors: Marsha Anastasia, Brian Casinghino, Elizabeth Clark, Marlene Harriman, Cynthia Hefflon, Brian Mandirola, Peter Mann, Thomas Naughton (all A's), Gregory Packard (all A's), and Ellen Seger.

Honors: Jeffrey Alers, James Bauchiero, Tracey Benoit, Scott Bollinger, Matthew Bromson, Michelle Bulat, Michael Bussolari, Genny Cannon, Richelle Cicero, Jennifer Deleeuw, John Dieli, Marc Edwards, Sally Geary, Stephanie Hout, Mary Jennings, Lynn Kolnsberg

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Kent Memorial Sets Yule Tide Schedule

Suffield: Children and their parents should visit Kent Memorial Library soon to enjoy the decorations and take advantage of holiday book displays organized by children's librarian Mary Jo Murphy.

Coming events include a pajama story hour to be held December 16th at 6:30 for children ages 3 to 5. A few openings for this event are left, and reservations may be made by calling the library.

For this story hour, two movies will be shown: *Santa's Toys* and *The Littlest Angel*. Among seasonal favorite stories will be "Mr. Willoughby's Christmas" and "The Christmas Whale," which is a tale of what happened when Santa's reindeer had the flu. Another treat will be Christmas carols, led by Cherry McCarty and accompanied by Dan Beresford on guitar.

Pippi On The Run, a full-length feature movie, will be shown during Christmas vacation on December 30th at 1:30. Based on Astrid Lindgren's stories, Pippi's typical adventures include going over falls in a barrel, tightrope walking, and skyriding in a car.

Winter story hours start Wednesday, January 6th, and continue in six sessions until February 10th. Sign-up begins on December 16th. Story hours for 3 to 5 year olds take place at 10 and 10:30 a.m. with twenty children allowed per session. Six 2½-year-olds may attend at 11 or 11:30 a.m.

Noting that these programs are very popular and fill up quickly, usually on the first day, Mrs. Murphy advises parents call December 16th after 10 a.m. to register.

Pippi in the South Seas is for everyone who wants to pretend to be in a warmer climate and will be shown during winter vacation on February 17th.

A wealth of reference material is available in the children's section of the library. Among the volumes are encyclopedias which are older editions and may be circulated. Mrs. Murphy points out the availability of encyclopedias on various countries, peoples, sciences, and a new set on order which is written on a second-to-third grade reading level.

Children's magazines are attractively displayed and include *Cricket*, *World*, *Ranger Rick*, *Stone Soup*, *Building Blocks*, and *Curious Naturalist*.

A sound filmstrip viewer, automated so that a child can look at and listen to a favorite story, may be checked out for one week at a time. Mrs. Murphy suggests that a parent might reserve it for Christmas vacation by calling the library.

Next week, Mrs. Murphy will offer suggestions to those who plan to give children's books as holiday gifts. Many reading lists of all kinds are available, and she is very willing and able to help individuals select books.

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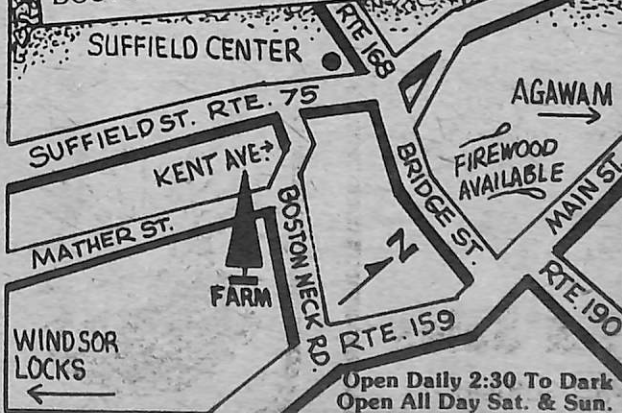
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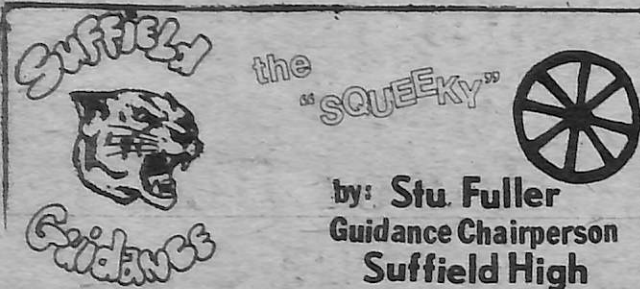
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by: **Stu Fuller**
Guidance Chairperson
Suffield High

We are now at the middle of the second marking period and most teachers have already sent out warning notices. This is an appropriate time for a last minute word of wisdom to seniors planning to continue their education.

Many colleges will hold off accepting or rejecting applicants until they receive first semester grades. This means seniors who have been "goofing off" have until January 22nd to get their act together and show the colleges, and perhaps their folks, that they really do mean business.

The guidance staff has just completed a followup study of last year's graduating class. Of 178 members of the class of 1981, 65% are presently continuing their training or education. This includes two and four year colleges as well as vocational (certificate) programs. 41% are attending four-year college programs while 18% are enrolled in two-year colleges. In comparison, the classes of 1979 and 1980 reported 64% and 61% respectively who continued their education.

Course selections are now being made for the 1982-83 school year. The procedure this year has changed slightly and we hope it will be easier for everyone. The important thing at this point is that students, parents/guardians, and teachers spend some time discussing appropriate selections for next year.

It is important that choices be as accurate as possible since the master schedule must be built based on student interest, only those courses with sufficient interest will actually be offered. The class of '84 and '85 are reminded that they must build in 20.5 and 21 credits, respectively, and the class of '86 must earn 22 credits, including the increased required courses, in order to graduate.

Students planning to continue their education are encouraged to consider the various vocational opportunities available to them which could give them a head start in a particular area. For example, our own vocational agriculture program could provide valuable experience for future forestry, veterinary, or environmental science majors, and so on.

The vocational satellite options available at Asnuntuck may open the door to the study of electronics, computer science, or tool making. These are all elective choices in the Program of Studies and are worth considering.

Congratulations to recent college acceptances: Jennifer Berte, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Raymond Berte, 617 Russell Avenue, to Nathaniel Hawthorne College; Andrew Hryniewicz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Hryniewicz, 370 Prospect St., to Husson College and New England College; Pamela Norcross, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Norcross, 30 Chestnut Circle, to Rochester Institute of Technology; Melissa Markowski, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. Markowski,

Spaulding School Receives "Apple II"

By Lil Devin

Suffield: A new program which offers third through fifth graders early exposure to computers has been implemented at Spaulding School. Gale Lynch, a fifth grade teacher at the school, is in charge of getting students acquainted with an Apple II computer.

Several years ago, she completed a computer course at Asnuntuck Community College in Enfield and enjoyed it so much that she wanted to give the younger children a chance to familiarize themselves with a computer as well.

The purpose of the program is not to teach computer operation or programming, but to heighten students' awareness of computers since they will play a part in the children's lives in the future.

The Apple II is on loan at Spaulding from Suffield High School until the end of February. In addition to classes held by Ms. Lynch each Monday and Friday, students are able to work with the computer every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in the school's media center. At that time, the pupils can experiment with math and language programs under the supervision of a librarian and an aide.

Last year, Ms. Lynch held a similar program for the children on Saturdays at the high school and worked with close to fifty students. This year, every child at Spaulding will be exposed to the computer, and the students' teachers are hoping to gain computer awareness as well.

Ms. Lynch believes that working with the computer will help students learn to think logically and compel them to be more accurate in their work. Students have been quite receptive to the computer training and find it a fascinating and educational tool.

According to Ms. Lynch, West Hartford and Simsbury both offer regular computer programs on their curriculums, and she feels that it is just a matter of time before all towns offer their young students similar programs in computers.



TRYING OUT THE APPLE II COMPUTER which is part of Spaulding School's month-long project, is young Erica Eukers. Fifth grade teacher Gale Lynch is in charge. Photo by Jim Nelson.

She claims that, since computers affect everyone's life in one way or another, computer awareness is necessary for all. She's using her time and energy to heighten the awareness of all students at Spaulding School in order to prepare them for the age of the computer.

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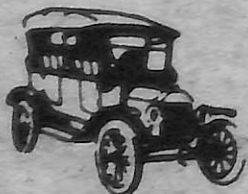
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Sports/Recreation

Southwick Wrestling - Boys & Girls Hoop...

Winter Sports To Open This Week

By Chris Hout

Wrestling, boys and girls basketball teams swing into action this week as Southwick High School begins its winter sports season.

WRESTLING: The Southwick Rams wrestling season gets underway this Wednesday, December 16th against Division One power Classical at Classical High School. Meet time is 3:30 p.m.

Back at the helm once again is third year coach Bob Thompson. Thompson will be looking to improve last years record of 4-7.

"I have a bunch of hard working kids who really want to win," noted Thompson. "We're lacking experience at some key weight classes, but I think we'll hold our own."

Southwick's pride and joy, not to mention their best wrestlers, are Dave Deray (121 pounds, 8-3 last season), Ronnie Crosler (134) and Chris Hale (140). The trio will serve as the teams tri-captain for the 81-82 campaign.

"Those three guys are my leaders, they get the rest of the team fired up and that's why I chose them to be my captains," said Thompson. "If we are going to do anything this season I'll need steady performances from them. They are fierce competitors."

The biggest obstacle the Southwick grapplers will tangle with this season will be the impacts of Proposition 2 1/2. All Division II teams have either been cut out completely by budget cuts or have been moved up a slot to Division I. Obviously, the Rams have moved into larger hunting grounds with much bigger area schools.

"I think we can hold our own in Division I," said Thompson. "But the real big schools like Agawam, Westfield and Putnam are going to give us a problem. They simply have too much experience. I'll be very satisfied with winning 10 meets this year."

Strengths: Southwick contains some top notch wrestlers in weights classes 114-169, especially 121, 134 and 140 pounds. The team seems to contain a winning attitude along with a great desire for victory, which can only help in their season ahead.

Weaknesses: Southwick does not have a 100 pound wrestler nor a 187 pounder, therefore the Rams must forfeit 12 points before every contest which could cause a big psychological disadvantage for the young

grapplers. Also inexperience at vital weight classes could be tough to overcome.

But the biggest setback will be the jump from Division II to Division I. The Rams will be facing schools who have kids who have wrestled longer than Southwick has had the sport in existence. (3 years).

Outlook: It could be a very interesting season for Southwick. The Rams should be somewhat competitive in Division I, but no one can expect them to beat the big schools. "Proposition 2 1/2 has really pinned us to the wall," said Thompson. "We may not beat the bigger schools but they'll know they have been in a meet after wrestling Southwick High. I can guarantee you that."

Teams To Beat: Westfield, Putnam and Agawam.

BOYS BASKETBALL: The Southwick Cagers are coming off a so-so 10-10 season last year. They have their sights set on improving that record this year starting December 18th against Mohawk Regional at Mohawk Regional at Mohawk, game time is 7:30 p.m.

"We may not be very big but we are awfully quick," said Southwick coach Bob Lawless, now in his fourth year as head coach of the varsity squad. "I expect us to be extremely scrappy out on the floor. We'll show teams that we're ready to play."

Southwick is returning 6-2 center Allan Swanson, 5-10 forward Jimmy Porter and 5-11 forward Dave Reed, all of whom should figure prominently in the upcoming season.

Lawless has yet to name his starting guards for the 81-82 campaign. He has 4 or 5 kids still vying for the two backcourt position. "It's going to be a difficult decision," he said.

Lawless feels optimistic about the upcoming campaign and says his personal should fare above average in the Bi-County circuit. "I'm anxious to get going. I think we'll fool a few people this season."

Strengths: Excellent bench, extremely quick forwards.

Weaknesses: Small-front line could cause a real problem in the rebounding department. Backcourt positions still unproven.

Outlook: With the talent the Rams do contain and if the guards can jell with the smooth forwards, they should definitely improve on last season's 10-10 record. The most noteworthy difference in this years team is

the bench strength, something Southwick basketball has lacked in the past. We look for the Southwick cagers to extremely competitive in Division II action this year.

Team To Beat: Ware

GIRLS BASKETBALL: "I would be very surprised if we didn't win thirteen games this season," said Southwick coach Jim Vincent, entering his first season as girls varsity basketball coach. "The attitude of these girls couldn't be better. They really want to win."

The Rams, coming off a dismal 7-13 showing of a year ago, hope to turn things around this season starting Tuesday, December 15 against Mohawk Regional at Mohawk.

Allison Hires and Cindy Lapan will be handling the backcourt chores for Vincent, while Karen Schultz and Kim Florek will flank center Jesse Hansen as starting forwards.

"We are a little inexperienced but I think we can overcome that factor with a couple of early victories," said Vincent. "The girls need to get their feet wet. They need a little confidence."

Strengths: Each and every one of Vincent's starters have played for him at the junior varsity level, a tremendous advantage in terms learning each others style of play.

"I won't have to alter my style of coaching and they don't have to alter their style of play. We already know each," Vincent said. Another advantage according to Vincent, is the intelligent of his players. "I have excellent students on this team, so they really absorb things that I say very quickly. It really helps me. It makes my job that much easier."

WEAKNESSES: Very young and inexperienced team, only time will tell if the transition from junior varsity to varsity can click for Vincent, who is taking over a team with only three returning lettermen to it's credit.

OUTLOOK: This team seems to have a lot of potential. Things can only get better for the Southwick girls, who had won only 7 of 20 games last season. "If we can get by the initial 4 or 5 of the season. We look for the Rams to improve immensely this season, winning at least half of their games."

Team To Beat: Hampshire



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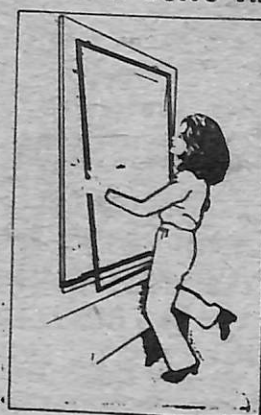
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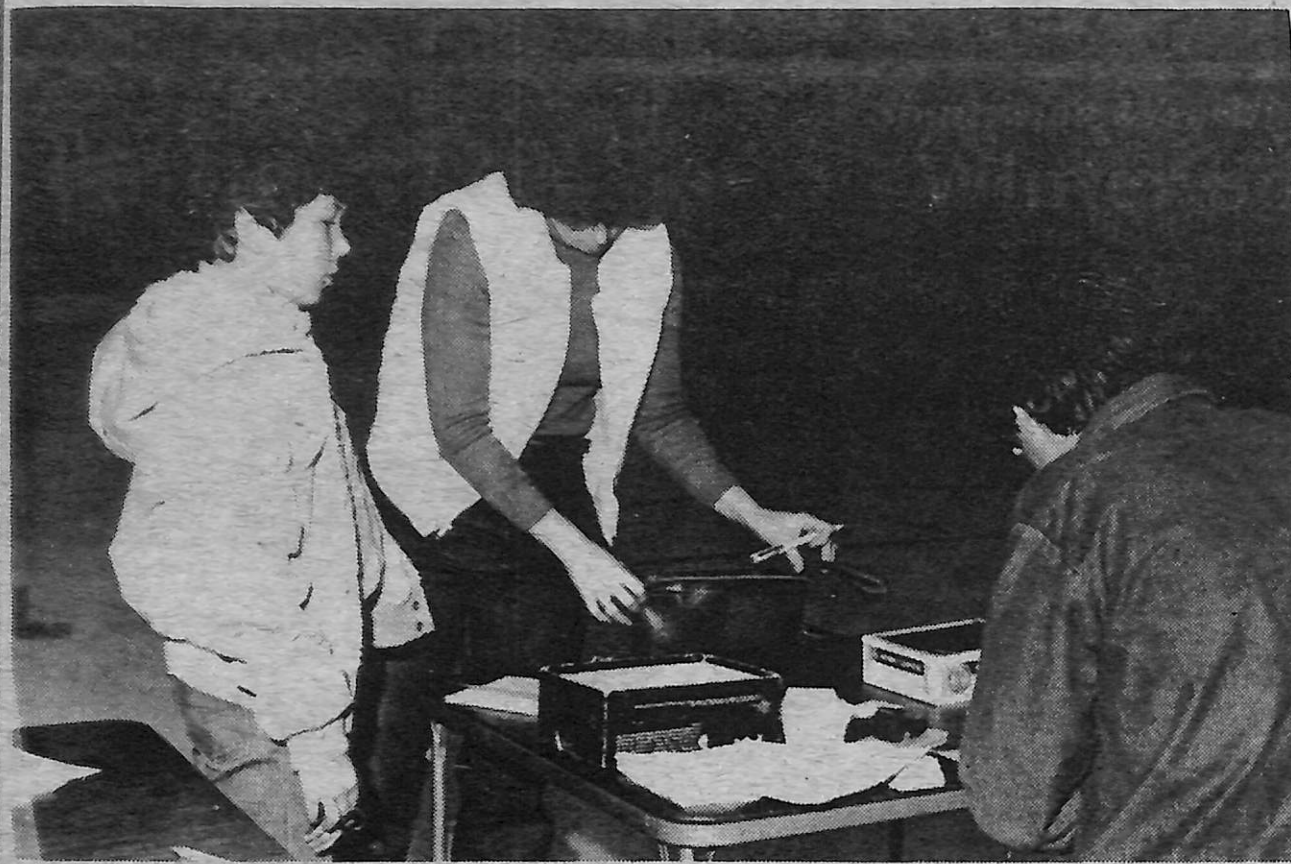
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Suffield Flyers On December Tear

The seven team of the Suffield Flyers continued their winning ways with a combined record of 10-2-1 during the first week of December. The Squirt A team leads this parade with a six game winning streak, followed by Squirt B's with a four game winning streak.

PEE WEE B

Suffield Flyers Pee Wee B team showed their ability to work as a team during their game against Somers, last week. Passing played a key role in the their 5-0 shutout, for their first league win. JIM SMITH started the scoring with his first goal in

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organized hockey. Others sharing in the scoring were LINCOLN HUGO, JOHN ZORGDRAGER and STEVEN WALKER with two goals. The team also recorded a 6-1 win over Echo and has a total of two wins and a tie in their last three games.

MITES

The Mite team (ages 5-8) avenged an earlier season loss to Longmeadow with a strong 6-3 win last week. MATT MAVTIS and PAUL BALDYGA were particularly aggressive on defense, keeping the strong skating Lonmeadow side away from the Suffield goal.

Hat tricks by cousins CURTISS and MIKE KAPLAN, along with good passing of CHRIS MAVIS provided the scoring advantage for Suffield. PAUL GOFF, a five year old newcomer, looked particularly sharp, knocking away the puck from onrushing Longmeadow attackers several time. Coach LARRY PATSCH is very pleased with the improvement of his young team over the past two weeks and has promised to award the game puck to any player on his team who scores his first goal of the year.

SQUIRT B'S

With each game, the Squirt B's precise teamwork becomes more evident, just as it did last week with two wins over Glastonbury (7-1 and 4-3) and a 3-2 win over Enfield. Eleven of the teams thirteen skaters figured in the scoring with KEN LADDEN leading the way in the first Glastonbury game with two goals and two assists. JOSH DAVIS and JOEY BARILLARO also received assists in setting up goals for MIKE WELSH, DOUG NEWTON and CHRIS PETKOVICH. In the second Glastonbury game, SHANE POTEMSKI played an outstanding game at defense, batting the puck away on breakaways, digging the puck out of the corner and hitting his mates with pinpoint passing. JASON FABI, playing his first game as a defenseman, also helped the Suffield team apply continual pressure.

SQUIRT A'S

The Squirt A team continued their winning ways with a 5-0 shutout over Enfield and a 5-1 win over West Springfield, MA. CHRIS PATSCH looked impressive in goal, allowing just three goals in the last six Squirt games. MIKE BRUNO chipped in two goals against Enfield and TIM MCCONNELL and TIM GIFFORD each tallied one. COACH JOHN GIFFORD praised a team effort, including playmaker JASON HUMISTON, as they outshot their rivals 38-12.

In their win over West Springfield, right-winger ANDY KRAR showed excellent hustle as he often set up plays which led to scores. WALT WOSKO, playing center for the ailing RUSTY STONE tallied two goals on assists from TED DECOSMO and TIM GIFFORD.

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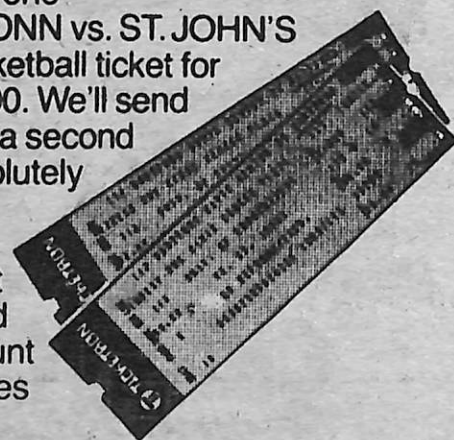
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Suffield Gymnasts Fourth In States

By Rick McCarty

The Suffield High boys gymnastic team completed a highly successful season by winning fourth place in the state meet recently. The squad also earned the Northern Connecticut Gymnastic Conference title by virtue of a 4-1-0 league mark.

Winning the NCGC gave the boys, coached by Chuck Thompson, the number one ranking in northern Connecticut. Only Greenwich, Darien and St. Bernards scored higher in the state competition as the Wildcats showed their power despite being only a Class "M" team. Of the ten teams in the state, eight teams are "LL", the largest enrollment, one "L", the next to largest and Suffield as the only "M" school.

Leading the Wildcats in the conference meet were co-captains Jack Rollet and Mike Milligan. Rollet won the gold medal in the high bar, rings, parallel bars and also was the all-around champion. (Not bad). Milligan took the bronze in the high bar, rings and parallel bars to ice the Suffield victory.

In the state meet, the Wildcats copped five medals. Rollet was awarded for his routines on the rings, parallel bars and vaulting and also as an all-around performer. Milligan was awarded for his routine in the vaulting program.

Team members include: Seniors - Mike Milligan, Jack Rollet and Norman LeBlanc, Juniors - Bob Heyse and Scott Fuller. Sophomores - Carl Cashingino and Ken Mather. Freshmen - Brian Cashingino, Mark Sullivan and Wayne Andrews. The squad finished with an 8-5 overall record.



SUFFIELD SENIOR CITIZENS take part in weekly bowling activities sponsored by the Suffield Recreation Center. Above, after three successful games, we see the smiling faces of Roy Stacy and Theresa Paganelli, both of Suffield; Red Burnham, manager of Bradley Bowl, where the games take place; Joe Thone and Elsa Burr, both of Windsor. Photo by Jim Nelson.

Suffield Rec. Dept. Sets Senior Bowling

By Candis Bloomrose

Suffield: Since 1975, on Tuesday mornings from nine to noon, senior citizens in a program sponsored by the Suffield Recreation Department have bowled at Bradley Bowl in Windsor Locks. Every September, the group of approximately 21 individuals begins anew after a summer break and bowls until June.

Three games plus shoe rental cost \$1.80, and each person contributes 50¢ per week towards a banquet held annually in June at which time everyone receives his award for high game or series scores. Fun and exercise are the main goals of play, and words of encouragement and laughter ring in the air as each bowler takes his/her turn.

Records are kept of scores to be tabulated each September. High series men's scores are held by Windsor residents Russ Burr, Gene Frazier, and Joe Thone with 554, 481, and 478. They hold high game scores of 205, 204, and 183 as well.

Women with the high-ranking series scores are Theresa Paganelli and Loris Hambleton of Suffield and Elsa Burr of Windsor with 490, 449, and 452. Ms. Burr, Ms. Hambleton, and Viv Amtmann, also of Suffield, hold the women's high game scores of 186, 170 and 166 respectively.

Other participants include Bill Miller, Millie Thone, Will and Vin Moore, and Maynard and Lillian Petersen from Windsor; Joe Kowlek, Mary Longtin, Florence Quagarioli, Lucie Hayes, Roy Stacey and Millie Hill of Suffield; and Albert and Margaret Borgers of Poquonock.

A happy, energetic group, the senior bowlers comment that the program "gets them out with people. They love it and try never to miss."

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Suffield Girls Open Gymnastics Season

By Dawn Cummock

Suffield High's Girl's Gymnastics team is a young one, consisting of primarily freshmen and only a handful of seniors, but they are full of potential. The girls have been working out as a team for approximately three weeks, but several individual team members had been training on their own before the season started.

Last year's squad consisted of only seven members, but the team managed to surpass all the their previous years' scores. This year's group is expected to score even higher with each team member improving every day.

The season consists of only ten meets with the last being the conference meet which will be held at Suffield on March 3 this year. Suffield's first meet is January 6th against Farmington and will be held at Farmington at 6:30. The score Suffield will be trying to beat was scored by last year's squad in their last meet.

The team faces opponents from Farmington, Windsor, Stafford, Kingswood, Somers, Windsor Locks, Weaver, East Windsor, Hall Newington, and South Windsor this year. Good luck, girls!

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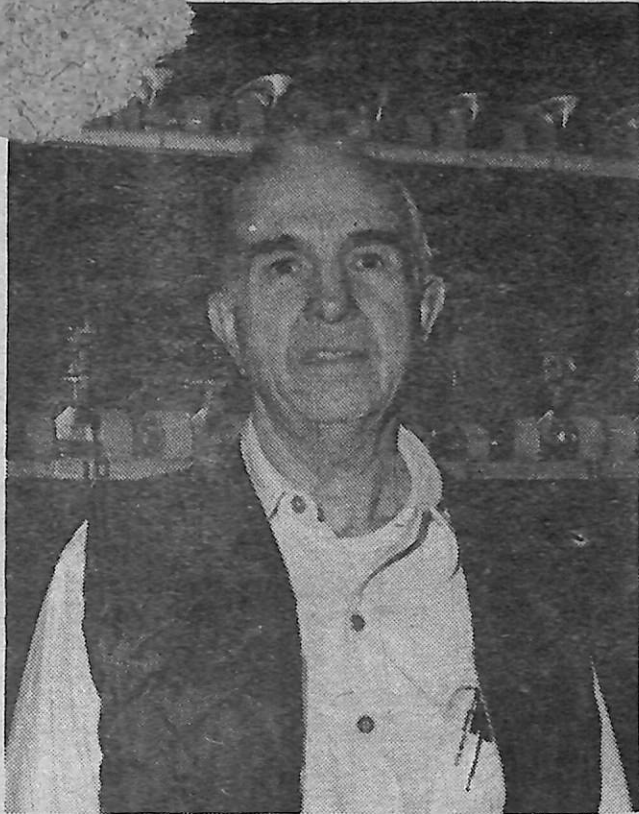
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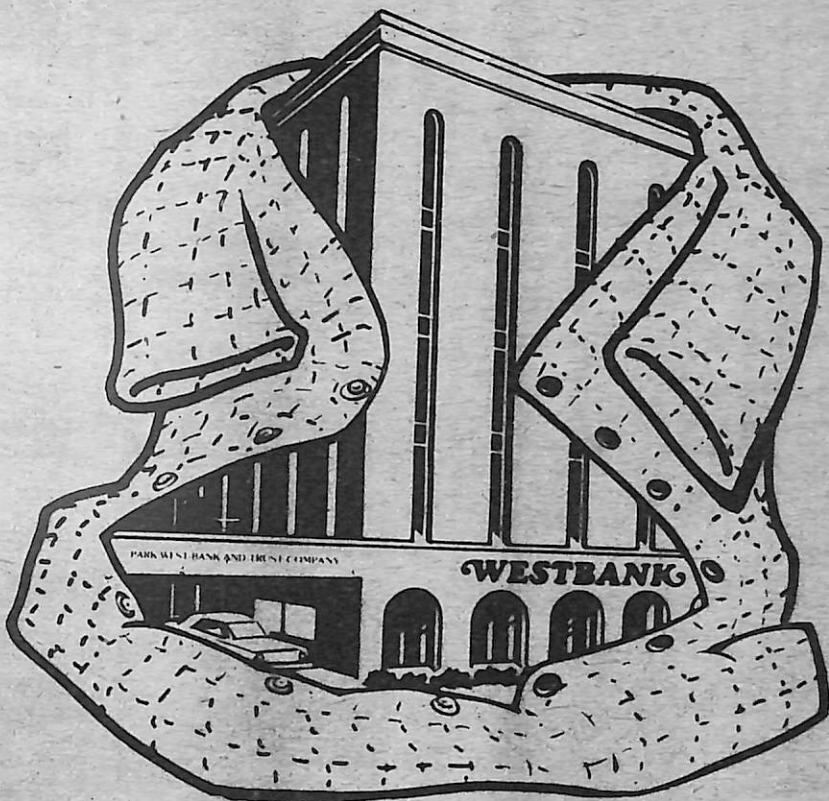
By Claudia Scott

Nelson Babb Is Leader In Community Activities

The name of Babb has been associated with recreation for over eighty years in the Southwick/Suffield area. Our scrapbook salutes Mr. Nelson Babb, a man who has carried on a family tradition begun in 1897 and who is responsible for the town of Suffield's now owning a town beach because of his generosity.

Nelson was born right at the lake, grandson of Curtis Babb, a pioneer landholder who bought "all of the land east to the road by Congamond Lake" for only \$500. Curtis rented boats while his wife sold candy from her kitchen.

When Nelson's father took over the operation at the age of 17, he ran a steamboat from the old Congamond Railroad Station to the former Cottage Grove Hotel on the lake. He then converted a horse barn into a dance hall, landscaped a picnic area, rented rowboats, canoes, and bathing lockers and made Babb's Beach one of the favorite places for family get-togethers in New England.



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Nelson has a collection of pictures of bathers in the beginning of this century; often thousands of them coming to the beach on a Sunday afternoon.

Nelson grew up accustomed to big bands playing for his father's hall. The house band, called Happy Harrington, was a zany group whose antics drew large crowds. There were also the name bands including the Dorseys, Harry James, and Vaughn Monroe, who made Babb's a regular stop in their tours.

He also grew up with a skating rink literally in his backyard. He has used his skating abilities to teach classes throughout the years.

He gradually took over the operation of the business after he graduated from Colgate with a degree in business administration and after doing his service in the Air Corps during World War II.

Nelson ran the beach and all of the activities there as a private business until the town of Suffield needed a public beach. In 1977, he donated the lakefront to the town for which he received special recognition for his outstanding contribution.

Nelson has four children: Claudia, who lives in Macon, Georgia; and Cynthia, John, and Donald, who all live in Connecticut. His wife Molly is from Mississippi. They met while playing bridge, a game that Nelson enjoys teaching.

Nelson and Molly share a strong commitment to their church, the Second Congregational Church of Suffield. Because Nelson teaches Sunday school to 7th and 8th graders, it was only natural that when the Junior Youth Fellowship recently needed an advisor, he was asked to assume the role. As co-advisor with Judy Graham, he guides the group in their service activities. Nelson enjoys the group because the youth who join are doing so because they want to be there.

On Halloween, the JYF delivered pumpkins to the Enfield Nursing Home. Their latest endeavor has been to "adopt" grandparents at the Bickord Nursing Home.

The activity which Nelson loves the most is the adult Bible Study Class which meets at his home every Thursday. Nelson stressed that it is open to anyone of any denomination. He welcomes people to come because he feels that "there is no way a person can really live until he finds his spiritual self." He adds that often money becomes too important to us, causing a loss of perspective on things. "The real thing is spiritual," he emphasizes.

Nelson and Molly were very active in the "A Facelift/A Faithlift" campaign to renovate their church, helping funds reach far over the goal set by the fundraising committee.

Nelson has also served as a town moderator and was on the Suffield Redevelopment Agency for twenty years.

He did a history of Babb's Beach for the town of Southwick's bicentennial yearbook. He has hundreds of pictures, momentos, and clippings showing the history, fashions, and values of our century. It is fascinating to look at them and, fortunately, Molly is organizing them with the intention of donating them to a town library someday.

It is a piece of Americana of which Nelson Babb and his family are a very interesting part.

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